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**APRIL IS DONATE LIFE MONTH AND THE
PERFECT TIME TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE
OF A LITTLE GIRL WHO MADE LIFE
POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS...**

**Carolina Donor Services' staff and volunteers will show their
support for a Sanford, NC couple.**

Durham, NC – Staff and volunteers of Carolina Donor Services will give a warm send off to Jen Ballentine and Ken Burris.

WHAT: TerraTrike Tour Celebration

Jen Ballentine and Ken Burris will begin a 7000-mile journey using TerraTrikes as their means of transportation in honor of Jen's daughter, Alex, who became an organ donor after she was killed by a car.

Carolina Donor Services Friends for Life volunteers will be present and include organ recipients, donor family members and citizens with an interest in helping to educate the public about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation.

Jen and a CDS volunteer will speak about their experiences with organ and tissue donation.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 16th from 9am-10am

WHERE:

Carolina Donor Services
3621 Lyckan Parkway
Durham, NC 27707

WHY:

Alexandria Kai Ballentine May 1989 - Dec 2000

The motivation for doing this comes through Jen's 11 year old daughter, Alexandria Kai Ballentine. In 1999 Alex and her mother had a discussion concerning organ donation. Alex told Jen that if something happened to her she did not want her organs wasted if they could be given to someone that could use them. That decision became significant when just six months later Alex was hit by a car and killed while walking across the street. Jen honored her daughter's wishes and donated Alex's organs. This selfless act saved five lives and gave two others the gift of sight. This tour is in her memory.

ABOUT CAROLINA DONOR SERVICES

Carolina Donor Services is the federally-designated, non-profit organ and tissue donation organization serving 6.1 million people in 78 counties of North Carolina and Danville, Virginia. Carolina Donor Services maximizes the passing of the heroic gift of life from one human being to another through organ and tissue donation. In North Carolina, over 3,000 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and nationally, over 105,000 people are on the organ waiting list. For more information, visit www.carolinadonorservices.org; call 1-800-200-2672 or write 3621 Lyckan Parkway, Durham, NC 27707.

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